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If our Christianity is merely a set of exterior practices camouflaging a life of compromise with the weakness and hypocrisy of the world, we fail in our mission to manifest the hidden Nature of God to men in our own lives. We fail to let people know, by the spirituality and purity and strength of our own lives, that God is love, and that he loves them all as he loves his own son, and that he wants them all to recover their true identity as his sons and daughters.

by

Thomas Merton

SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Sat 22 nd | THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE |
| 09:15 | Mary Flaherty R.I.P (1 month Anniv). |
| 18:00 | Daisy Lowositzova R.I.P |
| Sun 23 rd | 09:00 Mrs Claire O'Shea R.I.P. |
| 11:00 | Dione & Clayton (Thanksgiving Mass) |
| Mon 24 th | 09:15 Bernadette Pearce (Birthday Remembrance) |
| Tues 25 th | 09:15 No Mass |
| Wed 26 th | Church and Office closed |
| Thurs 27 th | Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor |
| 10:00 | John Ginty (2 nd Anniversary) |
| Fri 28 th | 09:15 Felix Moral (Birthday Remembrance) |
| Sat 1 st | SAINT DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales |
| 09:15 | Linda Whipp, Special Int. |
| 18:00 | The sick of The Parish |
| Sun 2 nd | EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME |
| 09:00 | Parishioners |
| 11:00 | Delia Gurdler & Colin Thornton R.I.P. |

NEW PARISH MASS BOOK APPEAL –

(by Catherine Badzek)

We really need your help. We will be purchasing copies of the revised edition of the Parish Mass Book, which has been completely updated/re-set according to the new Lectionary. We will purchase the books as they become available and so we will run our Appeal in phases, with phase 1 starting now for 6 weeks. We aim to raise £3,000 in total.

Thank you in advance for your support.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

The next baptismal preparation session will take place on Saturday 3rd May 2025, in the Parish Hall at 10.00 with Deacon Liam. To book, please email the Parish Office: watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk with your details.

PARISH GROUPS

A reminder that Bingo is on Tuesdays from 5.30pm to 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. Thursday, the 'Tea & Coffee' Club meet in the parish hall after 10:00 Mass. Everyone welcome.

50/50 FUND - MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/FINAL DRAW

The current year's fund will end on Sunday 23rd February 2025 with the final draw. Please enrol for the new fund now. Spare Application Forms are available from the Hall Lobby. Completed forms can be returned by post (*no cash by post please*) or put through the Presbytery letterbox.

Thank you for your continued support.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR

Sunday 16th February 2025

Planned Giving: £52.30: Loose Plate: £353.17

Standing Orders/contactless/online
for January: £3,271.00

If you would like to set up a monthly
Standing Order, our bank details are:

HSBC Bank: WRCDT Watford North

Sort Code: **40-05-20** Account No: **81263439**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT EVENT

22ND MARCH 2025



Please make a note in your diary to join us in the parish hall from 7pm - 11pm for a night of fun, music & dancing, raffle, Irish coffee and laughter. A light meal is included, please bring your own drinks. Tickets are available after Sunday Masses (£10 Adult, £5 children).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

| Job Title | Department Name | Closing date |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Parish Admin | Enfield | 26/02/2025 |
| Parish Caretaker | Bushey & Oxhey | 06/03/2025 |

See: <https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/> for more.

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS

A Mass for bereaved parents will be celebrated in the Cathedral by Bishop Paul McAleenan on **Saturday 5th April at 2pm**. If you or anyone you know (individuals, couples/families) might find comfort in attending, please invite them. Thank you.

MASS FOR THE TRAVELLING COMMUNITY

A Mass for members of the Travelling Community will now be celebrated in St Bernard's Catholic Church, Northolt, **every Saturday at 5pm**. For more information on the ministry to Travellers please contact their Chaplain, Fr Fergal Maguire on 0784 2444775.

VOCATIONS: 'COME AND SEE'

Any men interested in exploring a vocation to the Priesthood, please come along to the Vocations Morning on Saturday 1st March, 10am-2pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph parish hall, 1 King Edward's Road, Ware, SG12 7EJ. Refreshments and light lunch will be provided. For information/registration, please contact: rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or titopereira@rcdow.org.uk or phone 07977 599110.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR MATRIMONY, WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL ON SATURDAY 17TH MAY 2025 AT 2:30PM

The Cardinal invites couples in the Diocese celebrating in 2025 their 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, and 60th+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage. Please give your parish: husband & wife's names, wedding date, number of years married, postal address, email (or phone number, if no email). Email watfordnorth@rcdow.org.uk or call 01923 223175.

HYMN BOOKS AVAILABLE

Hanwell Parish (52 Uxbridge Road, W7 3SU) are giving away 455 copies of the (2005 edition) 'Celebration Hymnal for Everyone' hymn book. The books are in good/useable condition and are available for collection on a first-come first-served basis. Please contact the parish for further information at: hanwell@rcdow.org.uk.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME (FHC)

For those enrolled in the FHC programme, session 4 takes place on Saturday 1st March 2025 from 10:30 – 11:30 in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Details of this year's Confirmation Programme will soon be available. Confirmation will take place on Friday 20th June 2025 with Bishop Paul.

DIARY OF EVENTS

HEALING MASS

FRIDAY 28TH March at 7pm. Holy Rood Church, Market Street, Watford. All welcome.

A DAY WITH MARY

A Day With Mary is taking place at 'Our Lady & St Michael, Crown Rise, Garston, Watford, on **Saturday 12th April 2025**. All welcome.

Thought for the week: (by Thomas Merton)

Why did Christ become Man if not to save men by uniting them mystically with God through His own Sacred Humanity?
